READ IT FIRST
IN YOUR HOME
COUNTY PAPER

TIMES-VIRGINIAN

TO BUY OR SELL
USE OUR
CLASSIFIED COLUMN

A LIVE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AT HISTORIC APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA — ESTABLISHED IN 1892

VOLUME 56 NUMBER 1 | APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA THURSDAY JANUARY 1, 1948 | $1.50 PER YEAR | COPY 5¢

Demonstration Clubs Meet Next Week

Home Demonstration Agent's Schedule, week of Jan. 2—10:

Friday, Jan. 2.- Rocks Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. Walter Ranson at 1:30 P. M. Demonstration on use of electric roasters in preparing oven meals.

Tuesday, Jan. 6.- Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. Alvin Hamilton. Demonstration on oven meals.

Wednesday, Jan. 7.- The Glendale Home Demonstration Club will meet at 10 A. M. with Mrs. George Woodward. Demonsration: oven meals.

Thursday, Jan 8.- Spout Spring 4-H Club meeting at 9 A. M. at the school.

Appomattox Senior 4-H girls will meet in agriculture building.

Stonewall Home Demonstration Club meeting, 1:30 P. M. at home of Mrs. P. B. Stratton.

Friday, Jan. 9.- Evergreen 4 -H Club meeting at school at 9 A. M.

Pamplin 4-H Club meeting at the school, at 10:50 A. M.

SCHOOLS RE-OPEN MONDAY

Appomattox County schools will re-open next Monday, after Christmas holidays.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Dec. 30.- Mr. and Mrs. George Carson and family spent Christmas day in the home of her parents.

Miss Clarkie Cheatham and brother Aubrey spent Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chilton.

Misses Eleanor, Hazel, Hallie, Ava and Lois Chilton visited their parents last week.

D. H. Cyrus and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon.

Miss Eleanor Carson, Jennings Conner and Floyd Coleman and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Carson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moon, of Richmond spent several days last week in the home of his parents.

Miss Anne Montague is a patient at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Miss Florence Layne has returned to her post of duty after spending the holidays with her parents.

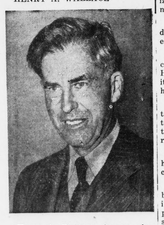
Taft says anti-inflation bill is adequate.

Hospital plan for Virginia is approved.

Court upholds ban on shipment of seed oysters.

Chiang charges Chinese Communists are being given outside help.

HENRY A. WALLACE



Henry A. Wallace, former vice-President, this week bolted the Democratic Party and announced that he would be a Third Party candidate for President in 1948.

WON DECORATION CONTEST HERE

Above: The Christmas window at recent holiday business decoration National Photo Service and Supply contest sponsored by the Appomattox, Inc., Appomattox, which was tox Garden Club. judged as first place winner in the

Year's Record Of Highway Department

Richmond, Dec. 31.- Not only was 1947 a year of record highway construction in Virginia, but a number of measures designed to improve traffic safety and convenience were inaugurated, the State Highway Department said this week.

Increasing emphasis was placed on safety as travel on state highways soared to new heights. Warning signs were made larger and were reflectorized for easier night reading. Improved methods of marking pavements, guard rails, and bridge approaches were introduced.

Such devices as "rough-o-meters" to test the riding quality of pavement surfaces were put into service, and radar was used for speed checks in traffic studies. Exhaustive skid tests determined the skid resistance of various highway surfaces.

The New Year held promise of greater improvements along the line of comfort and safety. Improvements made in 1947 were to be extended, and other measures introduced.

Traffic engineers, as the year ended, were experimenting with new methods of blocking off center-line markings when wet with recent paint application. The red .. and often oily or dirty .. flag carried by the motorist when construction necessitates one-way traffic, was to be streamlined, replaced with a more modernistic gadget which hitches on the handle of the automobile door.

These improvements were among others introduced by department engineers during 1947:

Revised speed limits around small towns after radar speed checks had demonstrated the importance of eliminating unenforceable limits;

Revising system of center line pavement markings for the primary highways and planned to use reflectorized painting on heavily traveled roads;

Redesigned and enlarged warning and regulatory signs to conform with national specifications and reflectorized important warning signs for night driving;

Adopted blue lights as a warning device on snow-fighting equipment engaged in night operations;

Instituted a thorough roadside cleanup, supporting this with a Highway Commission ruling making it a misdemeanor to dump along highway right-of-way;

Began the installation of picnic tables and turnouts at frequent intervals along the primary highways to keep stopped vehicles off the roadways;

Made 150 studies of partially hazardous points, determing traffic control;

Erected section and route number marking on secondary roads, insuring better marking and making possible a new cost accounting system;

Made intensive traffic studies in several Virginia cities to assist in alleviating traffic congestion;

Set up a joint committee with the State Planning Board to encourage zoning ordinances in the counties;

Weighed 100,000 trucks in enforcing load limits. Introduced maximum speed signs on curves after special test device had demonstrated the top safe speed;

And, to sooth nerves jangled by bumpy construction, have supplemented the blunt "Road Under Construction" sign with a less irritating "This Construction for Your Future Comfort and Safety" notation.

Funeral of Mrs. Gilliam

Mrs. Lillie Harvey Gilliam, widow of Lillous H. Gilliam, died at her home here December 25, following an illness of four years.

She was born in Appomattox County on December 18, 1860, the daughter of the late Thomas and Frances Jennings Harvey. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Miss Marguerite Gilliam, of Appomattox; and two sons, W. H. Gilliam, of Baltimore, and F. W. Gilliam, of Roanoke.

Funeral services were held from the home on December 26, at 2:00 P. M., the Rev. J. Marshall Walker officiating. Active pallbearers were: John C Harvey, Berkley Brown, Walker Walton, Thos. C. Harvey, Chas. T. Moses, Rufus Cawthorne, Wilson Hix and Ed Harvey. The interment was made in the Harvey-Gilliam Cemetery, near Hollywood Church.

Truman declines comment on the Henry Wallace party bolt.

Louisiana town is razed by twister.

Prank with shotgun causes death of boy in Illinois.

Seize ring at Konitza is broken by Greek Regulars.

Lee Theatre announces schedule changes.

Superfort, with nine on board is missing.

Judge Cites Roman Law; Ring Must Be Returned

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Superior Judge Leo Freund reached back nearly 2,000 years to old Roman law and found it good in holding that an engagement ring is not the woman's property until marriage.

He ruled that Miss Betty Sinclair, 40, of North Hollywood, must return a diamond ring to her former fiance, Russell O. Priebe, 46, real estate man, unless she chooses to pay him $2,500 instead. The judge said Roman law held that an engagement ring was merely a symbol of troth—if the troth was broken, the ring went back to the donor.

Priebe sued to recover the ring and a $400 gold brooch and $2,800 cash. Judge Freund ruled that Miss Sinclair may keep the cash and brooch.

Four Candidates In Race

DINWIDDIE CANDIDATE

MORTON G. GOODE

W. M. ABBITT

County Voters Organize Abbitt For Congress Club

About 100 citizens met at the local court house Tuesday night and organized an "Abbitt For Congress Club," to seek the election to Congress of Watkins M. Abbitt.

The following were named to lead the campaign:

Chairman, C. W. Smith

County Steering Committee: G. F. Abbitt, Jr., Calvin H. Robinson, C. W. Smith, Chas. F. P. Crawley, R. L. Burke, C. T. Moses and G. B. Buchanan.

Precinct Committees

Court House. D. A. Conner, Mrs. C. H. Robinson, H. W. McKinney, W. A. Coleman, Mrs. J B Abbitt, H. C. Pulliam, N. R. Featherston, J. A. Bingham.

Cheetwood: David T. Robertson, Hunter S. Nash, J. W. Blanks.

Chap: J. L. Lewis, C. C. Harvey, Floyd Fleshman, R. H. Wooldridge.

Rocks: G. T. Marsh, Tobey E. Ipge, J. P. Paulett, C. E. Loffel.

Pamplin: N. E. Farrar, T C Ligon, H. T. Williams, J. M. Cobb, C. D. Canada, E.F Davis.

Walkers Church: E. M. Sears, Wilson Hix, J. H. O'Brien.

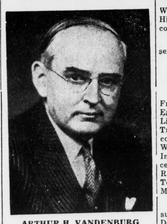
Clover Hill: A. W. Covington, S. Guy Smith, J. B. Drinkard, D. E. Torrence, F A. O'Brien, Mrs. J. H. O'Brien.

Agee: W. W. O'Brien, John Adams Martin, Joe Megginson, W. A. Woodson.

Oakville: L. F. Ferguson, Roland Smith, Bennett Harding, F. J. Smith, W. S. Walton.

Stonewall: J. P. Alvis, Jr., P. B. Stratton, J Rufus Burnette, Irby B. Wheeler.

NOT A CANDIDATE



ARTHUR H. VANDENBURG

Senator Arthur H. Vandenburg, of Michigan, stated yesterday that he was not a candidate for the Republican nomination this year.

HEADS APPOMATTOX ABBITT FOR CONGRESS CLUB

C. W. SMITH

Ordination of James Austin Friday Night

James Carter Austin, young Appomattox ministerial student at the University of Virginia, will be ordained as a Baptist minister at services Friday night at Liberty Baptist Church. Among the ministers who will have the ordination will be: the Rev. W. E. Cullers, of Burkeville; the Rev. C. G. Carter, of Evergreen; the Rev. L. P. Brown, of Appomattox; the Rev. W. M. Black, of Pamplin, and the Rev. J. Marshall Walker, pastor of Liberty. Dr. Allen Graves, of Charlottesville, will deliver the ordination sermon.

Mr. Austin is a veteran of World War II, a graduate of Appomattox High School and a native of this county.

The public is invited to attend the services.

MRS. LESLIE E. TOTTY

Funeral services for Mrs. Pauline Frances Lowe Totty, wife of Leslie Eugene Totty, were held from the Liberty Chapel Baptist Church on Tuesday at two P. M. Services were conducted by the Rev. J. Marshall Walker and the Rev. L. P. Brown. Interment was made in the church cemetery. Active pallbearers were: R. A. Totty, H. C. Totty, W. B. Totty, J. E. Totty, D. H. Totty, and M. J. Franklin.

Mrs. Totty died Sunday. She is survived by her husband and a son, David Eugene Totty.

Fuel oil purchases are limited in Philadelphia.

Play safe—drive carefully.

A spirited contest to name the Fourth District's Congressman to succeed the late Patrick H. Drewry is indicated by quickening political activity in the district and the entry of four candidates into the race.

Governor Tuck is expected to call a special election, with a likely late February date.

Appomattox County's Commonwealth Attorney, Watkins M. Abbitt made his formal entry into the contest last Friday night Mr. Abbitt had been expected to be a candidate and has been assured of strong support throughout the district, which includes fifteen counties and two cities.

The other candidates are:

State Senator Morton G. Goode, of Dinwiddie

Charles H. Wilson, of Crewe, Commonwealth's Attorney of Nottoway County

Robert W. Arnold, of Waverly, Commonwealth's Attorney of Sussex County.

It is believed probable that there will be no district convention or primary, and that the four candidates will "battle it out" in a general election.

In his announcement of candidacy Mr. Abbitt said:

"I have decided to become a candidate for Congress from the Fourth District of Virginia to fill the vacancy created by the sudden and unexpected death of Hon. Patrick H. Drewry. I have delayed making this announcement out of respect for the deceased.

"There are a number of important matters and incompleted projects vitally concerning our district now pending in Congress that need prompt attention. If elected, I shall exert every effort possible to see that those projects started are completed as rapidly as possible, so that our district may receive the proper benefit therefrom.

"I am especially interest in the Buggs Island Dam Project. Being a resident of the area effected, I have made a careful study of this matter and believe it to be one of the greatest projects ever started in this section.

"A good portion of our district is dependent uponagriculture as a means of livelihood. Having been raised on a farm and interested in agriculture all my life, I shall endeavor to assist the farmers in every way possible.

"Our district is, of course, fortunate in having many other business enterprises and populous centers. If elected, I shall endeavor to represent our entire district and all of the constituents impartially and to the best of my ability.

"At the proper time I shall express my views on the various matters of public interest.

"I only hope that my training in my chosen profession; my business experience; my service in the Constitutional Convention of 1945, where I was chairman of one of its four committees; the many activities that I have participated in, my loyalty and my age will permit me to be of real service to the people of this district for a number of years."

Jail Empty

A record worth repeating: we are informed that the Appomattox jail cells were unoccupied for Christmas.

Council Meets

The Appomattox Town Council will have its first meeting of the new year next Monday night.

Try a Classified Ad.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Burch Study Group urges reduction in state bureaus.

Wallace maps political plans.